

CONFESSIONS OF A MOVIE STAR

A girl reporter sent up a card and ended our discussion of Hatcher Coleridge.

Interviews with me are often arranged by Nandy, our publicity man, but many reporters come without his knowledge or permission. At such times I send for Motherdear. I never can get used to the idea that the public cares a penny about what's going on in my head.

I screwed up my courage to meet the newspaper woman. My mind was still muddled by my recent talk with Motherdear. One principle of mine, however, had been reinforced: I never, never intended to fall in love. I'd never go in for an emotion as unstable as that. It was destined from the beginning to pass. It did pass, in many of the lives I knew best.

If only I could tell that to the nice young woman who had come for my opinion about something—anything—what a sensation her story about me would make!

The newspaper girl couldn't see why certain types of business women should be continually linked up with a certain type of transient romance. The hunch had come from her managing editor, apropos of a big divorce sensation. She had been assigned to ask stenographers, movie artists, show girls, woman physicians and nurses what they thought about it.

And she appeared to me as a girl who had never been engaged. Motherdear rather liked the stunt. Fortunately, she could give the girl reporter a Victorian background upon which to project her modern pen picture.

In Motherdear's girlhood, the circus riders were almost the only ladies who enjoyed spiced publicity. And Motherdear remembered how her circuses had been spoiled forever

by the hint that the lovely ladies in fluffy tulle skirts were not always the delicate fairy things they seemed.

That was, she said, her initiation into disillusionment!

While the reporter made a note or two, Motherdear regarded me curiously, seriously. Did she fancy my time had come to be disillusioned? As to the reason why a certain sentimentality is linked up to certain professions for women, Motherdear summed it thus:

"Propinquity!"

"And I guess that covers it!" agreed the reporter.

"Opportunity for flirtations!" Motherdear continued. "In offices or occupations where men and women work side by side eight hours a day. With chances to exchange confidences, with demands for sympathy on each side"—I wondered if Motherdear were thinking of Coleridge—"the conventions were all too easily forgotten."

"And too often the girl who passes the day in a man's office begins to consider herself of supreme importance," Motherdear continued. "She confuses her rights—sometimes she trespasses. She ought to know—if she doesn't know she ought to be told—that the girl who helps a married man to lie to his wife, teaches him to lie to himself. And it seems to me that so far, the presence of woman in the business world hasn't raised the average of human conduct one bit," concluded Motherdear.

"Were you talking for my benefit?" I asked when the reporter had gone.

"Rather, let us say, for your instruction, little girl," Motherdear picked up the script of my next play: "Is Hatcher Coleridge in this?"

(To Be Continued.)

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YOUR HEALTH

There is a popular idea that this or that disease is transmitted from one person to another. The general conception is that disease is the result of contact, just as you are smeared with paint if you brush against a freshly painted building. According to this theory, you have measles as soon as you associate with a measles patient.

This idea is a long way from the truth. Disease is not like a coat, to be put on by one who happens to pass. Neither is it like a garment which can be stripped off by a skillful physician.

The world is filled with visible animal and plant life. Likewise, it teems with invisible animal and plant life. Animals of the same species herd together. Plants of the same type flourish in favorable spots.

You don't come into contact with rattlesnakes and poison ivy everywhere you go. Once in a great while a rattlesnake is found in a warm kitchen in the midst of civilization, and I have seen poison ivy on the edge of Niagara Falls, where thousands view it daily. Ordinarily, however, these particular things infest particular localities.

The Ways of Germs.

It is like this with the germs of human disease. While they may be

met anywhere in the world, while you may pick one up in the most unexpected place, yet it may be said in general that they are found only in the body of some person whose tissues and cells offer a peculiarly attractive soil for their growth.

The germs are the agents which incite disease. When taken into the body, if they find there suitable conditions they will take root, grow and multiply. Effectively, or from the effect of poison, they develop. The body of the victim is attacked by these visitors who violate all the rules of hospitality.

You will see, then, that disease itself is not transmitted, but the agent capable of producing disease is transmitted from the sick to the well.

It is as if you had gone to a rattlesnake or poison ivy infested region, and had placed yourself where you could receive the agent capable of causing you harm.

Whether you are actually harmed by the germ, by the rattlesnake or by the poison ivy may depend upon your own power of resistance. Your skin may be thick, your tissues firm and resistant, or the cells of your body so constituted that you cannot be affected by any one of these poisonous agents.

On What Immunity Depends.

Immunity from or protection

against disease depends on two things:

First, it depends on some mysterious power in the cells of the body. For instance, diphtheria is a dreadful disease and causes many, many deaths among very young children. Yet only about 50 percent of children "take" diphtheria. Many have a natural immunity or protection against it, just as others cannot "catch" scarlet fever or measles.

This desirable condition seems to be an inherited gift.

Certain diseases, such as smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid fever may be guarded against by inoculations which develop artificially the immunity some persons inherit.

The second thing which influences immunity is the condition of the body. Overwork, worry, intemperance, excessive smoking, late hours, undernourishment, constipation, bad teeth and tonsils—all these lower the resistance and make it easy for the agents of disease to break through your defences, and cause you to be more likely to contract disease.

FIND GOLD LOOT

IN OCEAN LINER

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Nov. 29.—Chests suspended from the hull, water pipes and other nooks and crannies of the liner Sonoma today gave forth a golden stream of English sovereigns, part of the loot of \$125,000 in gold stolen from the ship's specie tank while enroute here from Australia.

In all, more than \$102,000 of the stolen gold has been recovered and the search continued today. A number of the members of the crew are being questioned and arrests are near.

Eau de cologne was first made by an Italian living in Cologne in 1769. You can tell more about a man's intelligence from his questions than you can from his answers.

A new form of life preserver, worn about the neck, is said to make sinking impossible.

The first real military uniforms were those worn by the French soldiers by decree of Louis XIV.

American toys produced this year with reach a value of \$100,000,000.

More than two billion packages were handled by the U. S. parcel post service last year.

LORD DOUSED WITH WATER.

Walter Raleigh, adventurer in the time of Queen Elizabeth, came back from an American trip and was found one day by his servant, wreathed in smoke. Thinking him on fire the servant soaked him with water. He was the first cigar smoker. You should join the hundreds that smoke Goldie Mann's cigars. \$33-1f

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TWO MILLION OF IDLE FIND JOBS

Indiana and Michigan Will Give Work to Over 10,000 on State Roads.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The national conference on unemployment has been instrumental in putting between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 idle men and women back to work, according to Commerce Hoover believes.

Based on the last labor department estimate of 5,500,000 unemployed, this would be a reduction of nearly one third in the nation's idle in the last two months. Hoover made it plain he believes this pick-up in industry may be only temporary and that January and March may see the gain entirely wiped out.

6,000 Miles New Roads.

Michigan has sold \$11,300,900 in bonds since the unemployment conference was called, and Indiana, \$2,000,000.

The total amount of municipal bonds issued as their result of the speed-up program of public works urged by the national conference is estimated \$113,787,230 for 415 representative municipalities.

New road work will put 150,000 more idle men on payroll soon, reports to the conference indicate. Governors of 30 states have reported that within two months they can start work on more than 6,000 miles of road improvements.

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Indiana reported it can put 5,500 men to work on road jobs and Michigan, 5,500.

Building Revival.

A general revival of building has been the biggest factor in helping the unemployment situation, reports to E. E. Hunt, secretary of the national conference, point out.

Twenty-seven states, comprising the northeastern section of the country, reported the awarding of building contracts involving \$315,030,600 in September, and \$394,977,800 in October. Both figures setting new records.

This building boom is general over the country, Hunt said. He cited figures showing that sales of municipal bonds for public works have broken all records since the unemployment conference. More than \$60,000,000 of these bonds—representing New York—have been sold recently in 13 representative states, with more than \$34,000,000 additional placed on the market. Added to this, \$10,000,000 in state bonds have been disposed of with an equal amount more offered for sale.

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BALFOUR FROWNS ON DUAL LEAGUE

Harding Association Must Perform Different Function to Win British.

(Copyright, 1921, by United Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—President Harding's proposed "association of nations" must fulfill functions other than those of the League of Nations if it is to have British support. Parallel lines will not suit.

The idea stood out incisively today as the result of a brief interview with Arthur J. Balfour of the British arms delegation in which he remarked "we don't want two Leagues of Nations, do we?" Balfour has been avoiding with consummate skill any statement which would bind his government officially, but his brief talk on the subject left the conviction that he stands, as before, strongly for the league, and is opposed to annual sessions in

Washington—with emphasis on Washington—for an international body.

Washington Not Central.

As for the association, Balfour pleaded he didn't "know just how that would function," and in answer to a question whether he favored continuing sessions of the present conference—an idea dovetailing in with Harding's association plan—he said:

"I don't know just how that would be worked out. If the sessions were held in Washington, that wouldn't be very central, like Geneva is." (Geneva is the League seat.) Balfour was leaving the Far Eastern session. He swung into the revolving doorway to join Ambassador Geddes.

"We don't want two leagues,